Janet Napolitano

Office of the Governor

* DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS *

WHEREAS, a nation devoted to the rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, America needs to remember victims from whom those rights have been torn away by homicide; and

WHEREAS, murder extinguishes the hopes and dreams of more than 16,500 victims of homicide each year, and an untold number of fellow Americans now live, daily, with the absence of a loved one; and

WHEREAS, an Arizona Day of Remembrance, conjunction with the National Day of Remembrance, for Murder Victims honor the memories of murder victims and recognize the impact of homicide surviving family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, murder impacts each and every one of us, and every community nationwide, and we must all work diligently to prevent the violence that destroys lives and devastates families; and

WHEREAS, family members and other loved ones struggle alone with their loss and become overwhelmed with the devastating experience of homicide; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Victims of Crime is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Arizona and America to remember their tragedy, honor their courage, and vow to do whatever we can to help them rebuild their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2007 as a

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Secretary of State